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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP (NPW) PORT VISIT

1. AS DISCUSSED AND CONCURRED IN BY AMB-DESIGNATE CONDON
FEB 78 IN WASHINGTON, NAVY HAS INDICATED DESIRE TO MAKE NPW
VISIT TO SUVA 13-16 APRIL. VISIT WOULD BE BY STRATEGIC
MISSILE LAUNCHING SUBMARINE (SSBN) AND WOULD BE FIRST VISIT
BY NPW TO FIJI. VISIT WOULD BE LOW-KEY AND WE WOULD HOPE
TO MAINTAIN LOW PROFILE.

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2. DURING DISCUSSIONS IN 1976 WITH GOVERNMENT OF FIJI CON-
CERN WAS EXPRESSED OVER SAFETY AND INDEMNITY IN EVENT OF
ACCIDENT. WE WOULD HOPE THESE CONCERNS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED
BY SUCCESSFUL VISITS IN 1976 AND 1978 TO NEW ZEALAND AND
AUSTRALIA.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO

THAT NAVY MAY CONFIRM SCHEDULE AND, IF YOU CONCUR, SUBMIT
FORMAL VISIT REQUEST TO USDAO WELLINGTON. VANCE

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